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## MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Prices on slaughter steers were generally steady to 50¢ lower at midwest markets. Most decline was on steers grading Standard and Good and on all grades 1300# up, these 75¢-\$1.50 lower at some markets. Lower prices on carlots of dressed steer carcasses and the fact that packer buyers attempted to reduce numbers of livestock on hand due to the February 22 holiday were bearish factors in the live market. This reduction in holdings also affected the trade for other slaughter livestock, but was usually offset by higher dressed prices and moderate receipts. Barrows and gilts advanced late to close strong to 50¢ higher for the week. Slaughter lambs sold steady to 25¢ lower at most points.

**SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES** - Despite recent price upturns on virtually all slaughter cattle, the 12 market receipts were down 2 percent from the previous week, but were slightly above a year ago. A slow opening trade on steers at lower prices served to retard marketings later in the week. Nevertheless, early declines were extended in many cases as buyers kept one eye on the approaching slaughter holiday February 22, and the other on price declines in the carlot dressed beef trade. Good and Choice offerings again predominated in the steer and heifer supply, but with the percentage of Good increased, the spread in prices between Choice and Good widened somewhat. The percentage of Prime in the steer supply at Chicago dropped from 14 to 11 percent for the week while the percentage Good increased from 16 to 25. As a result, steers as well as heifers grading Standard and Good found narrow outlet and sold sharply lower at some points.

The general trend on slaughter steers was steady to 50¢ lower but ranged from steady to \$1.50 lower with all grades over 1300# and all weights of Standard and Good under most pressure. However, Choice steers sold steady to 50¢ higher at St. Joseph and Sioux City. Choice and Prime heifers closed steady to 50¢ higher at some terminals but sales at Omaha, So. St. Paul and Sioux City were steady to 50¢ lower. Standard and Good heifers were usually steady to \$1.00 lower. Cow prices were steady to \$1.00 higher although advances at Chicago more than erased with closing prices as much as 50¢ lower. Bulls mostly steady to strong. Vealers steady to \$1.00 lower in So. St. Paul but steady to \$1.00 higher in St. Louis National Stock Yards.

At Chicago a load Prime 1250# steers cashed at \$29.75; consignments largely Prime 1135-1350# \$28.50-29.00, 20 loads at the later price; high-Choice and Choice and Prime 1150-

1400# \$26.75-28.50; bulk Choice \$25.25-27.50 with a few high-Choice 900-1100# to \$28.25 and some Choice 1345-1500# \$24.50-25.00 late; Good \$22.50-26.00. At other midwest terminals high-Choice and Prime 1000-1250# steers realized \$26.75-28.00, load mostly Prime 1250# \$28.25 at St. Joseph; most Choice 900-1250# \$25.00-27.00, 1250-1400# \$24.00-26.00, Good and low-Choice \$22.50-25.50. Choice heifers sold from \$25.00-27.25 over the area with 2 loads Prime \$28.25 at Chicago where high-Choice and Prime heifers realized \$27.25-27.75; most Good heifers \$21.50-24.50 and to \$25.25 at Chicago.

**STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES** - Seasonally light to moderate receipts of stocker and feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets were little different in number than the previous week but over-all quality was at a somewhat higher level as an increased percentage of the supplies was made up of average-Good to Choice offerings. Trading was fairly active under a good demand. Prices were steady to 50¢ higher and at several markets there were instances of a \$1.00 upturn on calves and yearlings. Feeder buyers showed more inclination to compete with slaughter buyers on partly fattened steers and the number of fleshy two-way kinds purchased for further feeding was larger than in recent weeks. A growing demand for stockers is a normal development in the weeks just ahead of a new grass season.

Few loads Choice 500-575# stock steers brought \$29.00-30.00 and at Kansas City two loads Choice 581-597# short yearlings reached \$32.00 and \$32.35. Other Good and Choice yearling stock steers sold chiefly from \$24.00-28.00; Medium and low-Good \$21.00-24.50. Good and Choice 800-1050# feeders bulked at \$22.00-25.50, including a moderate number Choice fleshy 900-1050# from \$24.50-25.50; load Choice fleshy 700# yearlings brought \$27.25. Medium feeders sold from \$19.50-22.00. Bulk Good and Choice yearling heifers brought \$22.50-25.50. Choice and Fancy 510# steer calves brought \$34.00, few Choice 295# \$35.00. Other Good and Choice steer calves ranged \$26.00-33.50, most sales \$27.00-32.00; same grades heifer calves chiefly \$23.00-28.00. Medium and Good stock cows sold from \$14.50-18.00, few young Good cows \$20.00-23.00.

**HOGS** - Terminal Markets - Marketings continued to decrease at the 12 terminals where receipts were 8 percent less than the previous week and the smallest for any week since September. At most of the centers, mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 200-250# barrows and gilts made up the



bulk of the supply. At some markets in the eastern Corn Belt, however, sizable numbers weighing 180-200# were included in the receipts. Sows made up 5-11 percent of the supply at the various markets. Price spreads continued quite narrow as bulk 180-300# barrows and gilts are sold within a \$1.25 spread. Price trends were somewhat uneven throughout the area during the week. At many centers price strength developed early with weakness evident during the middle of the week while advances were general late on relatively small numbers. Compared with the previous week's close, barrows and gilts at most centers sold strong to 50¢ higher, but steady to 25¢ lower at So. St. Paul. Sows closed largely 25-50¢ higher.

At most terminals Friday, mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 190-250# barrows and gilts sold at \$13.75-14.25 with sales largely \$13.25-13.50 at So. St. Paul and at Indianapolis 180-270# offerings brought \$13.25-14.00. Selected lots of No. 1, and No. 1 and 2, these largely sorted for grade and weight uniformity 190-230# brought \$13.75-14.75, few reaching \$15.00 at Omaha. No. 1-3, 270-550# sows bulked at \$11.25-12.75.

Feeder pigs sold steady at So. St. Paul and strong at Sioux City. At So. St. Paul Good and Choice 100-160# feeder pigs brought \$11.00-11.50 while at Sioux City Medium and Good 130-160# sold at \$10.50-11.50, mainly \$11.00 up.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3, live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 90¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago February 11 to February 17, 1960 inclusive.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota Area - Receipts of hogs were a little smaller than in the previous week and considerably below the corresponding period last year. Demand was generally good for fairly liberal supplies early in the week and moderate advances were recorded. However, demand was curtailed later and marketings were retarded due to some price weakness. Compared with the previous Friday, late sales were strong to 15¢ higher on butchers and mostly 25¢ higher on sows, instances 40¢ up. U. S. No. 1-3 190-240# butchers sold on Friday within a general range of \$12.55-13.40 with a limited volume of mostly No. 1 and 2 grades \$13.40-13.75; few lots selected No. 1 delivered to plants reached \$14.00. Mixed No. 1-3 270-400# sows brought \$10.75-12.00; 400-550# largely \$9.50-11.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 markets were 6 percent more than the previous week but 15 percent less than a year ago. Prices were little changed from the previous week with the general trend steady to 25¢ lower. However, at Omaha where receipts were 46 percent larger than the previous week, slaughter lambs sold 25¢-\$1.00 lower, woolled lambs mostly 75¢-\$1.00

off. Denver was also the exception where slaughter lambs sold 50-75¢ higher. Slaughter ewes were steady to strong, instances 50¢ higher. Feeder lambs were steady to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 up at Fort Worth.

Late in the week, Good and Choice 90-115# woolled slaughter lambs sold from \$19.50-20.50, Choice mainly \$20.00-21.00, few early to \$21.50. Good and Choice 80-110# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 and Fall pelts sold from \$18.50-19.50, consignments Choice \$19.25-19.75, and sparingly \$20.00-20.50, at Chicago. Cull to Choice slaughter ewes bulked from \$3.00-7.00.

Good and Choice 70-85# feeder lambs realized \$18.50-20.50, Medium and Good 60-85# \$16.00-18.50.

Slaughter lambs in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area were steady to strong for the week with slaughter ewes steady. Demand was fairly good on most rounds with the trade influenced by price strength for dressed lamb. Interior receipts were 6 percent less than the previous week but a little above the same period last year. On Friday, Good and Choice 90-110# woolled slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants sold from \$19.00-20.00 mostly \$19.50-20.00, Choice \$20.00-20.50. Good and Choice 90-105# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 and Fall pelts sold from \$18.00-19.00, Choice to \$19.25. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes ranged from \$2.00-5.00.

#### RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers fairly active, mostly firm, instances 25¢ higher. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves steady to strong. Lambs firm with the previous week's advance.

Slaughter steers: 5 loads Choice 925-975# \$27.00, 2 loads Choice 920# \$26.75; 8 loads Choice 1125-1150# \$26.50-26.75 delivered to plant; 286 loads 900-1200# high-Good and Choice \$25.40-26.50, including delivery dates through March; 147 loads mixed Good and Choice 925-1370# \$24.50-25.50; 65 loads Good 900-1200# \$23.50-25.00; 37 loads Standard and Good 800-1200# \$22.75-23.75; 19 loads Standard 750-1100# \$21.50-23.00. Slaughter heifers: 2 loads Choice 775-800# \$26.00; 5 loads mostly Choice \$25.50; 117 loads Good to mostly Choice 700-1025# \$24.00-25.25; 3 loads Good 850# \$23.00.

Stockers and feeders: Good and Choice 525-800# steers \$24.00-27.00; Medium and Good



700-725# \$23.00; Medium 800-910# \$20.00-22.00. Good and Choice mixed steer and heifer calves for immediate to April 15th delivery \$28.00 for steers, \$25.00-26.00 for heifers.

Slaughter lambs: In California, 32 loads Good and Choice slaughter lambs with No. 1 pelts \$21.00. In Utah, 5,000 Good and Choice 90-95# shearing lambs \$19.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Demand for fed cattle very good and trading was very active. Fed steers sold fully steady; fed heifers strong to fully 25¢ higher. In Colorado 5 loads low to mostly average-Choice 1150-1258# fed steers \$26.25-26.50; 58 loads mostly Choice 1060-1200# \$25.25-26.00; 68 loads high-Good to average-Choice 1100-1350# \$24.00-25.50, bulk \$24.75-25.50. Twenty-seven loads average-Choice 780-925# fed heifers \$26.25-26.40; 150 loads low to average-Choice 900-1040# \$25.00-26.15, numerous late sales \$25.75-26.15; 18 loads high-Good to low-Choice 967-1100# \$24.00-25.00.

Demand for stocker and feeder cattle and calves very good, but the muddy side roads, wheat fields and pastures in Eastern Colorado and Western Kansas made it difficult to observe cattle being offered. Sales and contracts confirmed this week at strong to \$1.00 higher prices. Western Kansas: 400 Good and Choice 575-650# feeder heifers \$23.00-25.00, load 750# \$22.50. Southeastern Colorado: Around 1,000 mostly Choice feeder heifers for March, April, and May delivery expected to weigh under 600# \$25.00. Two loads Good and Choice 700-750# feeder steers May delivery \$25.00.

Demand for fed lambs good, and trading was active at strong to mostly 75¢ higher prices. In Colorado sales were confirmed on 48 loads mostly Choice 102-113# woolled slaughter lambs \$20.00-21.00, late sales \$20.75-21.00; 2 loads Good and Choice fall shorn lambs 103# \$19.50; 4 decks Good and Choice 86# feeder lambs \$19.25. Fifteen hundred 3/8 blood lamb wool fleeces 45¢ per pound grease basis.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers was moderately active and strong to 50¢ higher. Stockers and feeders were fairly active and fully 50¢ higher on confirmed sales of 9,910. Load average-Choice 1077# fed steers sold at \$25.50; 22 loads 1000-1070# Good and low-Choice \$24.00-24.50. Twenty loads Good and low-Choice 775-860# heifers brought \$24.00; 2 loads 760# Standard \$22.00; 2 loads Good 525-550# slaughter calves \$24.50. About 2,400 Good and Choice 550-750# stocker and feeder steers sold at \$23.50-27.00 and 480 Good and Choice 500-650# heifers \$23.50-24.50. Over 4,600 Good and Choice 400-500# stock calves \$28.00-32.00 for steers and \$26.00-29.00 heifers and 100 Choice 350# \$33.00 steers and \$30.00 heifers. Around

2,300 Medium and Good 1000-1075# stock cows \$175.00-190.00 per head.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter steers and heifers active, strong to 25¢ higher on confirmed sales of 112 loads. Stockers and feeders active under a very good demand. Confirmed sales and contracts totaled over 11,300 head, steady to 50¢ higher. Loadlots Good and Choice 1100-1300# fed steers \$24.25-26.00; 10 loads Good 1025-1050# \$23.50-23.75; 6 loads Standard and Good 1050# \$21.50-22.80. Bulk Good and Choice 800-1050# fed heifers \$23.50-25.50; 9 loads 800# carcass basis \$42.00 for Choice, \$41.00 Good. Good and Choice stocker and feeder steers \$23.00-26.00; Medium and low-Good \$22.50-23.50. Good and Choice stocker and feeder heifers \$22.50-26.00. Small lots Choice stock calves, \$31.50 on steers and \$28.00 for heifers. About 1,200 Choice 500# steer calves for May 1 delivery \$30.00; 800 Good young stock cows \$250.00 per head.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Trading slow over the area with price trends steady on all classes. Good and Choice 1050-1300# fed steers \$25.00-26.00 in Washington; Choice 1220-1315# steers in Idaho \$23.25-25.00; mixed Good and Choice 1225-1250# in Oregon \$24.00-25.00. In Washington and Idaho, Good and Choice 860-1000# fed heifers \$23.00-24.00.

Good and Choice 800-900# feeder steers \$24.00 in Washington with the same grades 800-850# heifers \$22.00; Good 500# heifers \$24.00 and 575-600# steers \$22.50. Idaho - Good and Choice 400-450# stock calves for March delivery, steers \$28.00, heifers \$25.00.

Good and Choice woolled and shorn slaughter lambs in the three states \$19.25-20.50.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Trading moderately active, slaughter cattle steady; stockers and feeders strong; slaughter lambs 25¢ higher. Seven loads Good and Choice 1120-1285# fed steers \$23.50-24.50; 4 loads Good and low-Choice 950-1000# heifers \$22.00-23.00.

Good and Choice 400-550# stock calves and short yearlings, steers \$26.50-30.00, heifers \$25.00-27.00; 1,800 Good 950-1150# stock cows \$175.00-230.00 per head, few to \$250.00.

Montana - 5 loads Good and low-Choice 104-112# woolled slaughter lambs \$18.75; load 106# with No. 1 pelts \$17.50; 2 loads Good and Choice 112# woolled lambs \$20.50, delivered West Coast. About 1,000 Good and Choice 2-year-old whiteface bred ewes \$25.00 per head for April delivery.

In Northern Wyoming, the basin pool of about 11,400 fleece, ranging 1/4 to fine and largely farm flocks, sold at sealed bid, at 40.66¢ per grease pound f.o.b. with delivery, from now to May tenth.

## WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 20	Feb. 21
	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959
Chicago .....	40,387	41,285	234	352	37,679	48,463	9,553	13,726
Cincinnati .....	3,308	2,571	407	573	11,548	14,158	523	557
Denver .....	8,416	9,261	208	275	5,326	2,617	17,591	25,309
Fort Worth .....	5,365	4,604	1,738	1,217	2,606	2,074	7,379	8,678
Indianapolis .....	7,102	6,430	589	484	35,525	44,126	1,985	2,797
Kansas City .....	19,666	20,677	796	802	13,677	15,115	5,252	8,307
Oklahoma City .....	5,860	9,891	368	604	3,178	3,563	651	1,714
Omaha .....	35,657	35,114	224	536	44,664	47,561	16,414	18,932
St. Joseph .....	15,425	13,667	529	538	25,678	30,289	7,121	8,075
St. Louis NSY .....	15,231	12,746	2,008	1,896	61,848	61,341	4,799	3,708
Sioux City .....	25,008	23,904	662	1,494	32,561	45,499	10,826	7,682
S. St. Paul .....	18,506	16,983	7,621	8,173	49,750	59,818	12,444	11,696
Total .....	199,931	197,133	15,384	16,944	323,440	374,624	94,538	111,181
February 13, 1960 .....	204,317		15,330		352,876		89,490	

## INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Feb. 20, 1960	Feb. 13, 1960	Feb. 21, 1959
Hogs .....	348,000	359,000	392,000
Sheep .....	21,800	23,100	21,200

## STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month	
	Feb. 18	Feb. 11	Feb. 19	Jan.	Jan.
	: 1960	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959
Steers - 1001# up .....	694	542	1,697	2,621	4,899
901-1000 .....	2,397	1,574	3,468	8,283	10,394
801-900 .....	2,858	3,001	3,246	14,985	15,236
701-800 .....	2,830	3,050	3,292	20,255	16,743
501-700 .....	6,346	7,289	7,021	36,381	36,672
Total steers 10 markets .....	15,125	15,456	18,724	82,525	83,944
Av. wts. " " " .....	754#	727#	776#	729#	738#
Av. cost* " " " .....	\$24.03	\$23.65	\$25.96	\$23.60	\$27.47
" " " Chicago .....	24.12	21.90	25.26	23.49	26.40
" " " Kansas City .....	23.79	23.48	25.63	23.31	26.10
" " " Omaha .....	23.76	23.40	25.87	23.69	27.69
" " " S. St. Paul .....	22.90	22.12	24.50	21.70	24.94
" " " Sioux City .....	25.36	24.99	28.01	24.97	29.48
" " " Denver .....	24.25	23.39	24.68	24.95	29.29
" " " Ft. Worth .....	23.53	24.23	26.69	22.67	26.96
" " " Oklahoma City .....	23.97	23.68	26.45	22.17	26.19
" " " St. St. Joseph .....	23.68	23.01	25.49	23.12	26.77
" " " St. Louis NSY .....	22.88	22.97	25.53	22.59	25.72
Total calves - 10 markets ....	5,829	6,545	6,919	54,592	59,205
" heifers " " .....	2,490	2,399	3,288	11,138	14,013
" cows " " .....	679	657	799	2,881	4,191

\* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

## ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Oklahoma City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Feb. 19, 1960	2	38	10	16	5	25	5	10	8	65	50	37	55
Feb. 12, 1960	2	32	9	10	6	21	5	7	8	60	57	28	50
Feb. 20, 1959	2	40	14	17	5	21	5	3	9	40	62	50	42
Slaughter cows													
Feb. 19, 1960	7	7	8	7	9	8	30	10	20	15	10	16	20
Feb. 12, 1960	6	6	7	6	10	6	27	10	20	15	7	13	20
Feb. 20, 1959	7	7	10	7	10	8	30	9	15	10	9	17	20



STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/								
Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Feb. 18 1960	Feb. 19 1959	Feb. 18 1960	Feb. 19 1959	Feb. 18 1960	Feb. 19 1959	Feb. 18 1960	Feb. 19 1959
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,302	2,981	11.2	11.0	1,234	1,234	28.40	30.05
Choice.....	17,607	15,196	59.5	55.8	1,208	1,209	26.61	27.44
Good.....	7,248	6,719	24.5	24.7	1,098	1,133	24.99	25.76
Standard.....	1,221	1,770	4.1	6.5	996	1,066	22.09	24.38
Commercial.....	33	41	.1	.2	1,389	1,272	21.56	21.41
Utility.....	200	497	.6	1.8	1,047	979	18.94	21.64
All grades.....	29,611	27,204			1,174	1,180	26.24	27.06
OMAHA								
Prime.....	251	168	1.4	1.1	1,179	1,252	27.23	29.10
Choice.....	6,623	5,464	36.7	36.2	1,187	1,216	25.39	26.24
Good.....	10,284	8,570	57.0	56.8	1,143	1,141	23.79	24.93
Standard.....	710	715	3.9	4.8	1,019	1,083	20.03	22.78
Utility.....	171	160	1.0	1.1	1,037	1,079	17.64	21.23
All grades.....	18,039	15,077			1,154	1,166	24.26	25.34
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	67	117	.7	1.3	1,128	1,283	27.81	28.79
Choice.....	4,150	2,776	42.5	31.3	1,156	1,164	26.25	26.59
Good.....	5,172	5,288	52.9	59.7	1,119	1,143	24.53	24.96
Standard.....	210	454	2.1	5.1	1,137	1,066	20.07	23.15
Utility.....	172	232	1.8	2.6	1,045	1,081	17.83	21.51
All grades.....	9,771	8,867			1,134	1,146	25.09	25.37
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	4,512	1,084	55.4	16.3	1,139	1,191	25.01	26.49
Good.....	2,655	4,389	34.1	66.0	1,125	1,090	23.75	24.91
Standard.....	703	1,145	9.1	17.2	1,073	1,050	22.03	23.12
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	111	29	1.4	.5	1,046	1,099	18.39	21.08
All grades.....	7,781	6,647			1,127	1,099	24.24	24.88
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	899	404	13.8	9.3	1,059	1,085	26.38	27.25
Good.....	4,164	2,652	64.0	61.0	1,064	1,072	24.28	25.53
Standard.....	1,271	997	19.5	22.9	996	1,036	21.06	23.82
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	177	298	2.7	6.8	940	932	18.36	21.86
All grades.....	6,511	4,351			1,046	1,056	23.83	25.09
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	20	--	.3	--	1,250	--	28.25	--
Choice.....	2,339	1,011	31.5	18.4	1,137	1,143	25.48	26.97
Good.....	4,344	3,729	58.6	67.8	1,104	1,110	23.74	25.16
Standard.....	700	708	9.4	12.9	1,073	1,055	20.22	23.44
Utility.....	17	54	.2	.9	1,008	961	17.31	21.28
All grades.....	7,420	5,502			1,112	1,108	23.98	25.26
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,036	1,597	56.5	47.2	1,231	1,250	25.40	26.27
Good.....	705	1,788	38.4	52.8	1,164	1,153	24.36	25.05
Standard.....	88	--	4.8	--	1,238	--	18.35	--
Utility.....	6	--	.3	--	1,054	--	17.00	--
All grades.....	1,835	3,385			1,205	1,199	24.64	25.65

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

## WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 20	Feb. 21
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Boston, New York City Area...	13,431	12,082	7,506	7,712	52,706	54,155	42,196	39,347
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	8,040	7,011	1,611	555	29,019	32,311	4,834	3,172
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	18,582	15,560	3,714	4,484	143,493	142,480	16,248	13,537
Chicago Area.....	17,820	21,653	6,674	7,313	34,935	58,910	4,526	5,299
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	29,510	27,145	23,549	24,709	139,340	144,405	16,313	13,388
St. Louis Area.....	10,961	9,591	1,559	1,867	86,824	99,878	5,577	4,281
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	22,438	18,819	--	--	101,540	106,694	17,417	18,392
Omaha Area.....	37,199	31,579	104	163	85,129	90,291	16,797	17,317
Kansas City.....	15,729	11,485	--	--	43,883	35,442	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	31,059	29,175	10,594	10,446	310,931	337,702	32,795	28,594
Lou'l.Evan'l.Nash'l.Mph's....	5,918	7,000	2,553	3,900	63,771	68,201	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	6,074	5,425	2,598	2,470	34,967	32,028	--	--
St. Jo'ph.Wichita, Okla.City.	20,054	17,936	1,203	1,239	58,936	53,517	8,023	8,648
Ft.Worth,Dallas,San Antonio..	8,672	8,102	2,976	3,917	19,075	23,161	10,739	11,451
Denver,Ogden,Salt Lake City..	19,400	16,294	306	300	18,754	13,924	28,213	34,437
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	27,711	19,416	1,516	1,806	27,607	28,185	28,476	31,462
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	6,898	5,792	284	162	18,531	17,992	4,136	4,630
Total.....	299,496	264,065	66,747	71,043	1,269,441	1,339,276	236,290	233,955
Accumulation to date.....	2,162,520		491,199		9,319,045		1,832,941	
		1,935,288		496,999		8,787,516		1,811,079

## ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.		
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Feb. 20, 1960.....	355	213.4	92	10.3	1,450	195.2	260	13.3	432.2	--
Feb. 13, 1960.....	350	211.4	90	10.1	1,400	185.9	255	13.0	420.4	--
Feb. 6, 1960 1/.....	344	--	94	--	1,412	--	272	--	--	45.5
Feb. 21, 1959 1/.....	313	189.5	99	11.1	1,505	202.7	269	13.8	417.1	48.2
Percentage change from:										
Feb. 13, 1960.....	1	1	2	2	4	5	2	2	3	--
Feb. 21, 1959.....	13	13	-7	-7	-4	-4	-3	-4	4	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
Feb. 20, 1960.....	1055	601	200	112	234	135	105	51	--
Feb. 13, 1960.....	1060	604	200	112	231	133	105	51	--
Feb. 6, 1960.....	1060	604	200	112	235	135	105	51	--
Feb. 21, 1959.....	1064	605	200	112	235	135	105	51	13.6

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.





HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

	Chicago	Interior	St. Louis	St. Joseph	Indianapolis	St. Joseph	Kansas City	Peoria
	Chicago	Iowa and	National	Omaha	Indianapolis	St. Joseph	Kansas City	Peoria
Classification	So. Minnesota	Stock Yards						
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Barrows and gilts								
U. S. No. 1 & 2								
180-200#	13.58	15.75	--	13.97	16.10	13.58	15.75	13.92
200-220	14.00	15.96	--	13.99	16.12	14.54	16.02	13.92
220-240	13.92	15.75	--	13.98	15.84	14.54	15.98	13.83
U. S. No. 2 & 3								
200-220	13.64	15.58	--	13.70	15.62	13.92	15.58	13.48
220-240	13.58	15.45	--	13.58	15.45	13.92	15.55	13.46
240-270	13.51	15.21	--	13.28	14.95	13.60	15.28	13.15
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3								
180-200	13.46	15.62	12.62	14.70	13.80	15.95	13.40	15.48
200-220	13.84	15.85	13.12	15.20	13.80	15.82	14.15	15.72
220-240	13.79	15.70	12.94	14.90	13.68	15.56	14.08	15.70
240-270	13.64	15.38	12.56	14.40	13.42	15.15	13.80	15.32
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3								
270-330	--	11.78	13.78	12.60	14.22	12.72	14.25	12.32
330-400	11.95	14.08	11.28	13.35	12.30	14.05	12.40	13.72
400-550	11.38	13.20	10.26	12.60	11.68	13.58	12.15	13.22
South								
St. Paul								
Sioux City								
Sioux Falls								
Cincinnati								
Fort Worth								
Thomasville								
Baltimore								
North								
Portland								
Barrows and gilts								
U. S. No. 1 & 2								
180-200#	13.32	16.28	13.54	15.88	--	13.70	--	13.72
200-220	13.92	16.30	14.35	16.02	13.90	15.80	13.86	15.78
220-240	13.92	16.18	14.21	15.85	13.90	15.66	13.68	--
U. S. No. 2 & 3								
200-220	13.38	15.38	13.94	15.72	13.60	15.44	13.77	15.68
220-240	13.38	15.22	13.92	15.61	13.60	15.44	13.66	15.44
240-270	13.10	15.02	13.68	15.26	13.32	14.90	13.36	14.82
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3								
180-200	13.18	15.32	13.50	15.78	--	13.64	15.70	--
200-220	13.50	15.40	14.02	15.82	13.80	15.53	13.77	15.68
220-240	13.48	15.32	14.02	15.68	13.70	15.46	13.67	15.44
240-270	--	13.66	15.41	13.42	14.98	13.36	14.82	12.81
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3								
270-330	12.32	14.15	--	14.62	12.25	13.95	12.10	13.69
330-400	12.08	13.62	12.50	14.25	12.00	13.78	11.72	13.52
400-550	11.62	13.00	12.12	13.62	11.50	13.15	11.22	13.08
Feeder pigs - All wts.								
Good and Choice	11.25	14.25	--	--	--	--	--	--

# HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 20, 1960	13.50	13.52	13.63	13.69	13.61	13.67	13.35	13.62	13.56
	Feb. 13, 1960	13.51	13.50	13.48	13.57	13.54	13.60	13.31	13.70	13.51
	Feb. 21, 1959	15.36	15.44	15.64	15.36	15.21	15.53	15.24	15.43	15.37
Sows	Feb. 20, 1960	11.51	11.90	12.11	12.18	12.08	11.96	11.76	11.59	11.86
	Feb. 13, 1960	11.29	11.64	11.53	11.73	11.65	11.76	11.31	11.19	11.50
	Feb. 21, 1959	13.47	13.85	13.82	13.40	13.70	13.81	13.27	13.23	13.53
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 20, 1960	234	216	225	237	240	224	230	223	228
	Feb. 13, 1960	232	215	227	237	240	221	228	222	227
	Feb. 21, 1959	236	219	225	242	244	228	230	221	231
Sows	Feb. 20, 1960	454	402	421	436	442	406	421	414	426
	Feb. 13, 1960	450	406	442	438	442	392	423	424	426
	Feb. 21, 1959	432	378	417	434	427	397	406	444	417
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 20, 1960	28770	55183	12530	36983	27919	22423	40362	31029	255199
	Feb. 13, 1960	24282	59038	18479	35280	35635	23720	51203	34133	281770
	Feb. 21, 1959	39367	51543	13649	39967	40295	26921	49210	40138	301090
Sows	Feb. 20, 1960	3602	3908	783	4088	1929	1844	2243	2749	21146
	Feb. 13, 1960	2410	4232	681	2852	2067	1034	2798	2416	18490
	Feb. 21, 1959	3741	3858	992	4126	3304	1561	3663	2182	23427
SOWS		Percentage of total								
Feb. 20, 1960		11	7	6	10	6	8	5	8	8
Feb. 13, 1960		9	7	4	7	5	4	5	7	6
Feb. 21, 1959		9	7	7	9	8	5	7	5	7

1/ Weighted average.

## WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Feb. 20, 1960	\$15.64	\$13.84	\$1.80
Feb. 13, 1960	15.73	13.94	1.79
Feb. 21, 1959	17.98	15.85	2.13

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

## HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Feb. 20, 1960	13.50	111.7	12.1
Feb. 13, 1960	13.51	113.4	11.9
Feb. 21, 1959	15.36	117.7	13.1

1/ Simple average price.



## SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Choice	Feb. 20, 1960	21.10	20.10	20.25	18.60	20.75	19.75	20.06
	Feb. 21, 1959	19.55	18.42	18.58	17.72	18.82	18.10	17.88*
Good	Feb. 20, 1960	20.30	19.40	19.12	18.10	20.00	19.00	19.41
	Feb. 21, 1959	18.92	17.75	17.70	17.02	18.08	17.42	17.38*
EWES (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and	Feb. 20, 1960	7.25	6.18	6.50	--	7.00	5.75	6.75
Choice	Feb. 21, 1959	6.75	8.12	6.85	--	8.25	6.75	8.25
Cull and	Feb. 20, 1960	6.38	4.65	5.25	7.25*	5.38	4.00	5.00
Utility	Feb. 21, 1959	6.50	6.25	5.10	--	6.25	4.25	5.50
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and	Feb. 20, 1960	--	19.25	--	17.95	19.62	--	17.72
Choice	Feb. 21, 1959	--	19.75	--	17.10	19.25	--	16.50

\*Shorn basis.

NUMBER OF CATTLE AND CALVES FROM CANADA AND MEXICO PASSED FOR  
ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - CALENDAR YEARS 1958 AND 1959  
(USDA - ARS - Animal Inspection and Quarantine Div.)

Month	Canada		Mexico	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
	Head	Head	Head	Head
Jan.....	21,878	58,331	65,349	54,810
Feb.....	14,011	35,534	57,023	52,018
Mar.....	21,090	59,800	39,769	39,712
Apr.....	40,667	28,125	15,739	59,708
May.....	40,223	20,848	58,821	53,171
June.....	42,579	30,018	19,554	22,694
July.....	29,709	46,920	8,741	14,699
Aug.....	17,387	38,906	15,107	10,384
Sept.....	13,887	84,576	4,110	16,149
Oct.....	39,509	133,475	7,723	26,754
Nov.....	38,770	93,525	28,290	58,377
Dec.....	23,189	32,920	32,345	69,871
Year.....	342,899	662,978	352,571	478,347

Note: During the calendar year 1959 - 28,684 sheep and 9,712 hogs were received from Canada compared with 41,400 sheep and 7,805 hogs in 1958.

NUMBER OF CATTLE AND CALVES FROM CANADA AND MEXICO PASSED FOR  
ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1960, WITH COMPARISONS  
(USDA - ARS - Animal Inspection and Quarantine Div.)

Month	Canada		Mexico	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
	Head	Head	Head	Head
Jan.....	13,338	21,878	34,510	65,349

Note: During January this year 84 sheep and 1,425 hogs were received from Canada compared with 56 sheep and 166 hogs a year ago.

## WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

### LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

**EASTERN SEABOARD** - Despite an end to the strike which closed approximately 257 stores in the Washington area, repercussions were still evident in the Eastern Seaboard meat traffic. Restocking of stores drew heavily from above normal receipts of beef and pork at strike affected markets, and readily cleared small supplies of lamb and veal. However, supplies of beef slightly exceeded outlet at Washington, with some carryover evident, particularly ribs. Near complete clearance was in view at Philadelphia, under renewed volume lot buying, which was instrumental in dissolving what appeared as burdensome supplies, due to poor distributive demand. Supplies were normal at Boston except volume of beef small, with poor clearance for beef and pork under rather narrow outlet. Below normal receipts of all classes at New York met fairly broad demand, and clearance generally complete for cow beef, veal, calf, lamb and pork. However, small lots of steer fores, arm chucks, and in instances hinds failed to clear. Prices for meats generally followed a steady to higher trend.

Compared with the previous week: Steer beef steady to 50¢ higher; cow beef steady to \$1.50 higher with some upturn at all markets except Baltimore; veal and calf prices mostly steady, instances strong on veal at Baltimore and New York. Lamb sold steady to \$2.00 higher, with the full advance at New York on the closing session. Sales of pork loins were on a steady to \$3.00 higher basis, the bulk \$1.00-2.00 higher, and closing sales at New York fully \$3.00 up. Other fresh pork cuts were steady to \$1.00 higher, with the only decline for the week recorded at Philadelphia, where Boston butts sold \$1.00-2.00 lower.

**CHICAGO** - Supplies were generally moderate in the beef, lamb and fresh pork divisions. Good and low-Choice carcasses predominating in the beef receipts, and most pork loins weighed 8-12#. Veal supply remained small. Steer and heifer beef prices held steady after Monday when slight declines were recorded, trading generally moderately active. Beef arriving too late for last week's trade because of bad weather was carried over and resulted in curtailed buying at the outset. Arm and squarecut beef chucks and ribs had fairly broad outlets, while demand for rounds was poor and prices declined \$1.00. Loins were also slow but prices held steady. A moderately active early veal trade slowed with considerable price resistance at the close. Lamb in moderate demand, good clearance all cuts except stews and shoulders. Fresh pork trading was mostly slow, however, loins advanced. Compared to the previous Friday: Steer and heifer beef steady to 50¢ lower; cow beef steady to 50¢

higher; veal weak; lamb 50¢-\$1.00 higher; pork loins 8-16# 50¢-\$1.00 up; other pork cuts steady.

**PACIFIC COAST** - Choice steer beef continued in moderate supply while other grades of steer beef were somewhat more plentiful. Cow beef was limited at Portland and San Francisco, and moderate elsewhere. Calf was in moderate supply at San Francisco, slightly liberal on 200-300# carcasses at Los Angeles and very limited at Portland. Lamb was in rather limited supply and trading moderately active. Fresh and cured pork cuts were moderate but adequate with some accumulations of loins and smoked skinned hams at Los Angeles. Prices compared with the previous week's close: Steer beef unevenly steady to \$1.00 higher in California but steady to \$1.00 lower in the Pacific Northwest; cow beef steady to \$1.00 lower at Los Angeles but \$1.00 higher elsewhere; lamb strong to \$2.00 higher; calf and veal mostly steady except instances \$4.00 lower on calf at Los Angeles; fresh pork loins steady to \$3.00 higher; other fresh pork steady to \$2.00 higher; smoked skinned hams and sliced bacon steady to \$2.00 higher, the advance in the Pacific Northwest; lard steady except 50¢ higher at Los Angeles.

### CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

Trade was slow on steer and heifer beef early in the week due largely to delayed purchasing by buyers at Eastern centers in view of the holiday Monday Feb. 22. Closing trade however was moderately active at most centers. Prices were generally lower on steer and heifer beef while cow beef sold higher. Supplies of steer and heifer beef were normal but cow beef below normal and at some points insufficient for trade needs. Trade was moderately active on lamb carcasses with a general price advance. Pork loins sold higher despite the slow trade.

Compared with the previous week: Steer and heifer beef sold steady to 50¢ lower, instances \$1.00 off with the most decline on 800-900# steer carcasses and Good all weights. Denver the exception where Choice steer beef 600-700# sold steady to \$1.00 lower, other weights and grades mostly 50¢-\$1.00 off, while heifer beef held steady. Cow beef sold mostly 50¢-\$1.00 higher with a broad demand at Philadelphia and prices there were \$1.50-2.50 higher. Lamb carcasses sold 50¢-\$1.00 higher, instances \$1.50 up at Omaha and New York. Pork loins advanced 50¢-\$1.00.



**WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS**  
 Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 20	Feb. 21
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
<b>Steer beef -</b>								
Prime	700-800#	48.00	50.40	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	46.00	47.75	44.75	46.00	43.85	44.75	43.25
	700-800	44.25	46.05	43.00	43.62	41.50	42.50	41.25
Good	500-600	43.25	44.50	41.00	42.62	43.50	44.50	42.00
	600-700	43.75	45.00	41.00	42.62	41.50	43.00	40.00
<b>Heifer beef -</b>								
Choice	500-600#	--	--	44.00	--	42.50	--	42.94
	600-700	--	--	43.50	--	41.50	--	41.38
Good	500-600	--	--	40.50	--	--	--	41.38
<b>Veal -</b>								
Prime	90-120#	64.50	65.00	58.50	59.62	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	53.50	55.50	53.50	54.25	--	--	--
Good	90-120	47.50	52.10	50.00	51.75	55.00	58.50	--
<b>Lamb -</b>								
Prime	45-55#	42.10	42.70	--	40.00	--	--	43.00
Choice	45-55	40.95	41.10	40.62	38.75	44.25	40.50	43.00
<b>Fresh pork -</b>								
Loins	8-12#	40.70	42.40	37.75	38.55	43.00	44.00	42.00
Butts	4-8	33.50	36.10	29.00	32.88	35.50	40.00	33.62
Spareribs	3# down	38.60	41.30	35.50	36.50	39.00	45.00	38.00
<b>Cured pork -</b>								
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating) 12-16#		41.00	47.50	47.25	51.69	50.00	56.00	45.50
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		37.50	45.00	43.25	48.50	43.00	51.00	43.00
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating) 4-8#		29.50	32.45	33.00	35.38	30.00	33.50	30.00
Lard, 1# carton		11.88	14.25	11.75	13.50	15.50	18.50	13.72

**BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 19, 1960**

Classification	Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
	Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
<b>Steer beef -</b>					
Choice	600-700#	43.00-44.00	42.00-43.50	42.25-42.75	45.00-46.00
	700-800	41.50-42.00	40.50-41.00	40.75-41.00	43.50-44.50
	800-900	39.50-40.50	38.50-39.00	38.75-39.25	41.50-42.50
Good	500-600	39.50-40.00	--	--	41.50-42.00
	600-700	39.50-40.00	--	38.50-39.25	41.00-42.00
	700-800	39.00-39.50	--	38.00-38.50	41.00-41.50
<b>Heifer beef -</b>					
Choice	500-600#	42.50-43.00	41.75-43.00	41.50-42.00	--
	600-700	41.50-42.00	41.00-41.50	40.75-41.00	--
Good	500-600	38.50-39.00	39.00-41.00	37.50-38.00	--
	600-700	38.50-39.00	39.00-41.00	37.50	--
<b>Cow beef - All weights -</b>					
Utility		30.00-30.50	30.00-30.50	29.00-29.50	--
Canner and Cutter		31.00-31.50	--	30.25-30.50	--
<b>Lamb -</b>					
Prime	35-45#	--	--	--	--
	45-55	--	--	--	--
	55-65	--	--	--	--
Choice	35-45	41.00-41.50	38.50	--	42.00-44.00
	45-55	39.00-40.00	36.50-38.50	37.25-38.75	39.50-41.50
	55-65	37.00-38.00	34.50-37.00	35.75-36.25	38.00-39.50
<b>Fresh pork -</b>					
Loins	8-12#	36.00-36.50	--	35.00-36.00	36.50-39.00

# BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading of greasy domestic worsted wools was limited in the Boston market as prices tended easier. Demand continued rather good for greasy medium grade fleece wools and a few sales were made. Turnover of woolen wools and noils was slow at steady prices.

There was a little activity in the fleece wool States as prices were slightly lower. Shearing had commenced in Texas but trading was limited. Few sales were recorded in the territory States.

Cabled reports from all the Dominion markets showed prices declining. Sales at South American markets were slightly lower while carpet prices declined under a poor demand.

Fleece Wools - A few sales of graded 50/54s staple fleece wool brought \$1.00 clean basis for May-June delivery. Prices for medium grade wools to the growers in Ohio ranged around 50¢ grease basis, while 45-50¢ was the price range in Indiana for wool now being shorn.

Territory Wools - Graded 64s good French combing and staple territory wool brought around \$1.20 clean basis in the Boston market. About 100,000 pounds of wool sold at 46¢ grease basis in Arizona and approximately 40,000 pounds of medium lambs wool brought 45-46¢, grease basis in Northern Colorado.

Mohair - Shearing was well under way in Texas and prices were generally at \$1.01½ for adult and \$1.31½ for kid mohair to the warehouse with a small quantity sold at 96½¢ and \$1.26½ respectively. In the mohair paragraph of last week's issue, the sentence starting in the second line should have read as follows: "It is estimated that approximately one-half the Spring 1960 clip is still unsold."

Foreign Wools - Cabled reports at week's end showed prices at all foreign markets slightly weaker. Quotations follow on combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields in bond.

<u>Australia</u>	<u>New Zealand</u>
<u>Oil-combed</u>	<u>Oil-combed</u>
78 - \$1.13	79 - \$.94
78A - 1.10	86 - .92
79 - 1.06	93 - .88
80 - 1.03	834 - .87
432 - 1.05	100 - .86
433 - 1.01	107 - .84
434 - .99	114 - .83
435 - .91	128 - .83

## South Africa

<u>Oil-combed</u>	<u>Scoured yields</u>
7 - \$1.10	22 - \$1.02
12 - 1.09	27 - 1.00
17 - 1.06	32 - .95
47 - 1.07	
48 - 1.06	
52 - 1.05	
53 - 1.03	

Montevideo super skirted wools (clean basis, in bond): 60/64s \$1.05; 60s \$1.02; 58/60s 99¢; 56/58s 92¢.

Carpet Wools - Trade in carpet wools was rather quiet. Greasy November second clip 36/40s sold at 81¢ clean fibers present while Argentine shippers were asking 81-84¢ for B. A. November and 80-83¢ for B.A. March wools. Spot white India carpet wools were offered from 79-82¢ and yellow wools from 65-70¢ clean fibers present depending on color.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

<u>Scoured Pulled Domestic</u>		
64/70s	1½-2½" ch. white	\$1.33
64s	1½-2½" light stain	1.25
56/58s	2-3" good white	1.15

<u>Scoured Shorn Domestic</u>	
Med. fleece lambs	good color \$1.03

<u>Scoured Pulled Foreign</u>	
N. Z. 56/58s	2-2½" ch. white \$1.20

<u>Greasy Pulled Foreign</u>	
N. Z. 40/44s	2-3½" Good to Super 82¢ clean basis in bond for shipment.

Noils: Clear 70s Cape nobles 98¢; semi-defective 62/64s Aust. nobles 88-91¢; domestic combed Aust. fine French 82¢.

Wool Tops - Trading on wool tops was very dull but with continued interest in oil-combed 54s fleece tops and a few sales recently in this grade for nearby delivery around \$1.46. Top-makers priced oil-combed 54s at \$1.41 for May-June delivery.

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Feb. 18, 1960 (Furnished by the Wool Assoc. of the N. Y. Cotton Exchange)

March wool tops	- \$1.46
March wool	- 1.175
May wool tops	- 1.49
May wool	- 1.179



## CATTLE AND CALVES ON FARMS, JANUARY 1, 1950-60

Year	All	Total	Other cattle & calves					Total other cattle & calves
	cattle	kept	Cows and	Heifers	Calves	Steers	Bulls	
	and	for	heifers	1-2	1 yr. &	1 yr. &	1 yr. &	
	calves	milk	2 yrs. & older	years	older	older	older	
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
1950 .....	77,963	35,455	16,743	4,754	12,516	6,805	1,690	42,508
1951 .....	82,083	35,398	18,526	5,122	14,319	7,029	1,689	46,685
1952 .....	88,072	35,235	20,863	5,971	15,829	8,400	1,774	52,837
1953 .....	94,241	35,921	23,291	6,535	17,440	9,147	1,907	58,320
1954 .....	95,679	36,161	25,050	6,365	17,978	8,229	1,896	59,518
1955 .....	96,592	35,361	25,659	6,514	18,785	8,444	1,829	61,231
1956 .....	96,804	34,737	25,516	6,238	18,979	9,560	1,774	62,067
1957 .....	94,502	34,270	24,754	6,017	18,621	9,105	1,735	60,232
1958 .....	93,350	33,413	24,287	6,063	18,491	9,448	1,648	59,937
1959 .....	96,650	32,735	25,513	6,820	19,698	10,233	1,651	63,915
1960 .....	101,520	32,984	27,263	7,419	21,093	11,009	1,752	68,536

Agricultural Estimates Division.

## CLASSIFICATION OF CATTLE SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, 1950-59

Year	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Bulls and stags	Calves	Total
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
1950 .....	6,944	1,390	4,267	503	5,850	18,954
1951 .....	6,180	1,199	4,008	492	4,985	16,864
1952 .....	7,171	1,408	4,090	496	5,294	18,459
1953 .....	9,445	2,049	5,591	545	7,013	24,643
1954 .....	9,302	2,472	6,236	466	7,573	26,049
1955 .....	9,299	2,674	6,656	427	7,499	26,555
1956 .....	10,310	2,837	6,624	414	7,843	28,028
1957 .....	10,018	2,980	6,051	404	7,324	26,777
1958 .....	9,840	2,951	4,558	293	5,672	23,314
1959 .....	9,681	3,701	3,836	240	4,875	22,333

TOTAL MEATS, MEAT PRODUCTS, AND HYPRODUCTS GRADED, OR CERTIFIED AS  
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Month	Beef	Veal and calf	Lamb, yearling, and mutton	Total	All other meats and lard	Grand total
	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Jan. 1960	582,268	11,108	18,798	612,174	13,442	625,616
Dec. 1959	599,566	12,673	21,796	634,035	12,512	646,547
Jan. 1959	545,662	9,340	28,091	583,093	11,116	594,209

## CALF CROP, 1959

### CALF CROP UP 2 PERCENT

The 1959 calf crop totaled 41,046,000 head, 2 percent larger than the 1958 calf crop of 40,409,000 head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The increase shown for 1959 reversed the down trend of the previous 4 years. The 1959 calf crop was 4 percent below the record-high 1954 crop of 42,601,000 calves, but was 7 percent above the 1948-57 average. All regions except the North Atlantic and East North Central show larger calf crops in 1959.

The larger calf crop during the past year was due primarily to the larger number of cows and heifers on farms. The number of cows and heifers 2 years old and older January 1, 1959 amounted to 47,001,000 head, compared with 46,520,000 head January 1 a year earlier, and by January 1, 1960 had increased to 48,594,000 head.

The number of calves born in 1959, expressed as a percent of the cows and heifers 2 years old and older January 1, 1959, at 87 percent was the same as 1958. This percentage is not strictly a calving rate, since the January 1 inventory of cows and heifers 2 years old and older does not include all heifers which give birth to calves during the year and includes some cows that die or are slaughtered before calving. This percentage is calculated to show trend in productivity over a period of time. It may fluctuate from year to year due to variation in cow slaughter and trends in breeding herd replacement.

### NORTH CENTRAL STATES

The 1959 calf crop totaled 16,795,000 head in the North Central States, up 1 percent from 1958 and 2 percent larger than the 10-year average. The East North Central States had a 2 percent smaller calf crop while the West North Central States, with nearly two-thirds of the North Central total, had a 2 percent larger calf crop.

The 1959 calf crop for the North Central Region was 91 percent of the cows and heifers 2 years old and older the first of the year, the same as in 1958.

### SOUTHERN STATES

In the South Central States the 1959 calf crop at 10,847,000 head exceeded a year earlier by 3 percent and in the South Atlantic States the calf crop totaled 3,320,000 head, 1 percent larger than in 1958. The calf crop as a percent of cows and heifers 2 years old and older was 85 percent in the South Central States, and in the South Atlantic States, 79 percent--both up 1 point from 1958.

### WESTERN STATES

The calf crop in the 11 Western States at 7,191,000 head, was 3 percent larger than in 1958. All States in this region showed larger calf crops in 1959. The calf crop as a percent of cows 2 years old and older was 88 percent, unchanged from a year earlier.

### NORTH ATLANTIC STATES

The calf crop of 2,893,000 head for 1959 in the North Atlantic States compares with 2,910,000 head a year earlier. The calf crop was 85 percent of cows and heifers 2 years old and older, up 1 point from a year earlier.



## Calf crop report, 1959

State and division	Cows and heifers 2 yrs. & older January 1			Calves born as percent of cows and heifers 2 yrs. & older January 1 1/			Calves born		
	10-year average:	1958	1959	10-year average:	1958	1959	10-year average:	1958	1959
	1948-57:			1948-57:			1948-57:		
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	Percent	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Maine	128	118	115	85	84	83	109	99	95
N. H.	71	64	61	84	82	85	60	52	52
Vt.	303	298	291	81	83	83	246	247	242
Mass.	128	110	104	82	82	82	105	90	85
R. I.	20	17	17	81	81	78	16	14	13
Conn.	119	110	105	82	79	82	97	87	86
N. Y.	1,468	1,473	1,434	86	84	85	1,266	1,237	1,219
N. J.	158	154	152	79	81	82	125	125	125
Pa.	1,052	1,115	1,122	85	86	87	896	959	976
N. A.	3,446	3,459	3,401	84	84	85	2,919	2,910	2,893
Ohio	1,150	1,125	1,094	86	85	85	988	956	930
Ind.	951	898	868	90	88	91	852	790	790
Ill.	1,446	1,420	1,376	90	90	90	1,307	1,278	1,238
Mich.	994	937	919	86	85	86	851	796	790
Wis.	2,526	2,597	2,532	91	91	91	2,307	2,363	2,304
E. N. C.	7,066	6,977	6,789	89	89	89	6,306	6,183	6,052
Minn.	1,738	1,781	1,749	92	90	90	1,599	1,603	1,574
Iowa	1,953	1,942	1,945	93	95	94	1,822	1,845	1,828
Mo.	1,794	1,834	1,930	92	92	92	1,641	1,687	1,776
N. Dak.	871	974	980	89	90	92	776	877	902
S. Dak.	1,372	1,530	1,568	90	93	94	1,231	1,423	1,474
Nebr.	1,772	1,819	1,889	90	92	92	1,597	1,673	1,737
Kans.	1,690	1,526	1,578	90	90	92	1,514	1,373	1,452
W. N. C.	11,190	11,406	11,639	91	92	92	10,181	10,481	10,743
N. C.	18,257	18,383	18,428	90	91	91	16,487	16,664	16,795
Del.	41	41	40	80	81	81	33	33	32
Md.	281	306	302	85	85	86	238	260	260
Va.	717	740	724	83	84	86	592	622	623
W. Va.	324	316	308	84	82	85	274	259	262
N. C.	494	585	598	78	81	81	387	474	484
S. C.	280	351	341	78	77	81	219	270	276
Ga.	702	838	833	79	81	81	558	679	675
Fla.	861	1,038	1,041	65	68	68	559	706	708
S. A.	3,700	4,215	4,187	77	78	79	2,859	3,303	3,320
Ky.	923	966	995	87	91	89	806	879	886
Tenn.	939	1,003	993	86	86	88	812	863	874
Ala.	877	1,048	1,059	78	81	81	683	849	858
Miss.	1,150	1,473	1,431	73	73	74	846	1,075	1,059
Ark.	776	870	823	82	80	84	632	696	691
La.	993	1,198	1,160	78	77	77	776	922	893
Okla.	1,576	1,577	1,662	89	90	91	1,401	1,419	1,512
Texas	4,697	4,403	4,683	83	88	87	3,909	3,875	4,074
S. C.	11,930	12,538	12,806	82	84	85	9,865	10,578	10,847
Mont.	1,055	1,202	1,210	91	92	93	956	1,106	1,125
Idaho	514	612	629	88	92	92	453	563	579
Wyo.	544	552	572	84	90	90	457	497	515
Colo.	880	857	902	87	91	91	765	780	821
N. Mex.	681	631	676	80	85	86	547	536	581
Ariz.	462	419	426	79	80	82	364	335	349
Utah	333	356	360	86	86	88	287	306	317
Nev.	298	311	315	77	78	79	230	243	249
Wash.	499	523	541	86	90	89	431	471	481
Oreg.	639	708	752	83	86	86	533	609	647
Calif.	1,595	1,754	1,796	84	86	85	1,343	1,508	1,527
West.	7,500	7,925	8,179	85	88	88	6,377	6,954	7,191
U. S.	44,832	46,520	47,001	86	87	87	38,507	40,409	41,046

1/ Not strictly a calving rate. Figure represents calves born expressed as percentage of the number of cows and heifers 2 years old and over on farms and ranches January 1.

MEATS AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
For the Calendar Year 1959

PRODUCT		CANNED PRODUCTS	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.
	<u>1,000#</u>	(For civilian use only)	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>
Placed in cure -				
Beef 1/	153,696	Luncheon meat	162,740	139,822
Pork 1/	3,583,768	Canned hams	268,439	6,838
Other 1/	1,698	Corned beef hash	4,614	67,984
Smoked and/or dried -		Chili con carne	10,363	130,648
Beef 1/	52,007	Vienna sausage	2,979	52,361
Pork 1/	2,639,531	Franks, wieners in brine	153	2,585
Cooked meat -		Deviled hams	100	10,726
Beef	86,288	Other potted or deviled meat		
Pork	294,493	food products	275	27,026
Other	2,163	Tamales	2,505	32,475
Sausage -		Sliced dried beef	339	2,535
Fresh finished	268,849	Chopped beef	32	8,648
To be dried or semi-dried	128,335	Meat stew (all products)	2,022	102,017
Franks, wieners	665,064	Spaghetti meat products	2,958	120,127
Other, smoked or cooked	638,886	Tongue (other than pickled)	564	1,411
Loaf, head cheese, chili,		Vinegar pickled products	9,385	14,646
jellied products	202,330	Bulk sausage	11	6,977
Steaks, chops, roasts	576,055	Hamburger, rstd. or corned		
Meat extract	3,851	beef, meat & gravy	6,948	34,568
Sliced bacon 1/	1,073,463	Soups	17,775	514,184
Sliced, other 1/ 2/	274,703	Sausage in oil	5,538	4,041
Hamburger	201,014	Tripe	4	4,137
Miscellaneous meat product	180,781	Brains	--	2,418
Lard, rendered	2,201,621	Canned loins & picnics	30,796	1,616
Lard, refined	1,618,964	All other with meat and/or meat byproducts -		
Oleo stock	71,978	20% or more	4,348	75,221
Edible tallow	324,673	Less than 20%	7,451	243,889
Rendered pork fat -		Total 1/	540,339	1,606,900
Rendered	93,804	1/ This figure represents "inspection pounds" as		
Refined	48,960	some of the products may have been inspected and		
Compound containing animal fat	729,432	recorded more than once due to having been sub-		
Oleomargarine " " "	119,533	jected to more than one distinct processing treat-		
Canned products (For civilian use		ment, such as curing first, then smoking, slicing,		
and Dept. of Defense)	2,219,375	2/ Includes sliced dried beef, sliced sausage,		
Total 1/	18,455,315	loaves, etc.		

Meat Inspection Branch, Agricultural Research Service.

TOTAL MEATS, MEAT PRODUCTS, AND BYPRODUCTS GRADED, OR CERTIFIED AS COMPLYING  
WITH SPECIFICATIONS BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
CALENDAR YEAR 1959

Month and year	Beef	Veal and calf	Lamb, yearling and mutton	Total	All other meats and lard	Grand total
	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>
January	545,662	9,340	28,091	583,093	11,116	594,209
February	465,081	8,495	24,038	497,614	11,075	508,689
March	515,925	10,686	25,298	551,909	10,863	562,772
April	552,138	12,728	20,799	585,665	11,884	597,549
May	535,022	13,857	17,558	566,437	11,910	578,347
June	575,684	16,189	17,173	609,046	11,830	620,876
July	603,940	19,231	19,651	642,822	12,071	654,893
August	572,142	16,924	19,363	608,429	11,744	620,173
September	614,734	16,983	21,153	652,870	12,565	665,435
October	622,482	18,851	22,045	663,378	13,397	676,775
November	534,899	15,113	20,425	570,437	13,285	583,722
December	599,566	12,673	21,796	634,035	12,512	646,547
Year 1959	6,737,275	171,070	257,390	7,165,735	144,252	7,309,987
Year 1958	6,456,189	178,980	242,099	6,877,268	141,282	7,018,550



# SHIPMENTS OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SHEEP JANUARY 1960

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves shipped into 9 selected North Central States during January 1960 amounted to 381,523 head, 1 percent less than the 386,328 head during January 1959. Of the total cattle and calves received in January, 163,796 head came through public stockyards and 217,727 were received direct—a larger proportion moved direct than a year earlier. Cattle and calves shipped into these States during the year 1959 totaled 6,479,927 head compared with 5,691,689 during 1958—a 14 percent increase.

Sheep and lambs shipped into these 9 States in January this year totaled 160,226 head compared with 163,325 the same month last year—a 2 percent decline. Of the total received during January, 71,712 head moved through public markets and 88,514 moved direct. During 1959, a total of 3,085,518 head of sheep and lambs were shipped to these 9 North Central States, compared with 2,936,280 in 1958.

## Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Sheep Received in Several North Central States January, 1960, with comparisons 1/

### Cattle and Calves

State	Public stock yards		Direct		Total		Cumulative Total	
	January		January		January		Jan. - Dec. incl.	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1958	1959
Ohio.....	4,090	5,828	1,074	1,924	5,164	7,752	97,357	122,922
Indiana.....	6,291	5,438	2,712	20,292	9,003	25,730	243,026	308,997
Illinois.....	19,729	24,295	37,866	38,210	57,595	62,505	1208,940	1283,770
Michigan.....	1,507	1,990	609	2,022	2,116	4,012	61,103	79,381
Wisconsin.....	1,797	1,964	1,259	1,479	3,056	3,443	37,909	45,191
Minnesota.....	17,825	15,898	33,521	44,835	51,346	60,733	684,817	731,365
Iowa.....	94,914	78,956	67,427	69,736	162,341	148,692	2175,744	2592,360
S. Dakota.....	9,871	8,616	7,977	4,805	17,848	13,421	231,020	203,715
Nebraska.....	39,437	20,811	38,422	34,424	77,859	55,235	951,773	1112,226
Total 9 States.....	195,461		190,867		386,328		5,691,689	
		163,796		217,727		381,523		6,479,927

### Sheep and Lambs

Ohio.....	1,070	1,014	--	200	1,070	1,214	60,826	47,448
Indiana.....	2,336	2,148	627	300	2,963	2,448	85,738	82,649
Illinois.....	3,526	7,169	11,383	13,216	14,909	20,385	380,826	370,412
Michigan.....	1,666	395	21	--	1,687	395	24,172	19,501
Wisconsin.....	--	--	500	--	500	--	18,617	19,949
Minnesota.....	22,540	24,210	14,278	17,268	36,818	41,478	354,999	418,730
Iowa.....	16,193	18,478	61,149	44,327	77,342	62,805	1207,080	1271,712
S. Dakota.....	6,711	6,250	3,681	10,068	10,392	16,318	168,155	199,782
Nebraska.....	11,794	12,048	5,850	3,135	17,644	15,183	635,867	655,335
Total 9 States.....	65,836		97,489		163,325		2,936,280	
		71,712		88,514		160,226		3,085,518

1/ Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Under "Public Stockyards" are included stockers and feeders which were bought at stockyards markets. Under "Direct" are included stockers and feeders from other States from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water and rest en route.

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